

(c) whether the private refiners submitted any proposal of direct marketing right to their petroleum product; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (d) The Government in November, 1997 decided to dismantle the Administered Pricing Mechanism in a phased manner. As per this, the petroleum sector is scheduled for full deregulation from the year 2002 onwards. Representations have been received for allowing marketing of petroleum products. No decision has been taken as yet.

**Pending Cases for Allotment of Dealerships of LPG, Petrol etc. in Andhra Pradesh**

3010. Dr. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases relating to allotment of retail and wholesale dealership of LPG, petrol, kerosene and diesel pending in Andhra Pradesh, category-wise; and

(b) by when the cases will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) At present, 156 retail outlet dealerships, 197 LPG distributorships and 3 SKO-LDO dealerships are pending in the State of Andhra Pradesh for selection through interviews by the Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs).

Four new DSBs have been set up for Andhra Pradesh for early selection of dealers/distributors. Selection is made in a phased manner, and it may not be possible at this stage to indicate the exact time frame for completion of selection for the pending locations.

**Pending Cases for Allotment of Retail and Wholesale Dealership of Kerosene, LPG, etc. In Tamil Nadu**

3011. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending for allotment of retail and wholesale dealership of kerosene, petrol and LPG in Tamil Nadu as on 1st August, 2000;